

RITTENHOUSE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August, 1961

The second annual meeting of the Rittenhouse Society was held on Saturday, August 19, 1961, on the veranda of the Biltmore Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia.

Present were: Dr. George G. Fuld; Eric P. Newman; Walter H. Breen; Kenneth Bressett; D. Wayne Johnson; Q. David Bowers. Grover Criswell was absent.

By unanimous agreement the previous age requirements for Rittenhouse Society membership were dropped. There are now no specific age requirements.

Eric P. Newman, in recognition of his many outstanding contributions in the field of numismatic research, was made our first honorary member. Mr. Newman's revealing speech on the history of the 1804 silver dollar was the most outstanding event of the A.N.A. convention.

After general discussion Lynn Glaser of Lafayette Hill, Penna. was approved for membership. Mr. Glaser's contributions to numismatics have included the publication of the Metropolitan Numismatic Journal, research into the history of several specific United States coins including the 1804 dollar, authorship of numerous articles appearing in the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine and the authorship of a question and answer column for the Numismatic News. On August 23, 1961, D. Wayne Johnson informed Mr. Glaser by letter of his election to membership.

Kenneth W. Rendell's resignation from membership was accepted.

The specific aims of the Rittenhouse Society were discussed. The possibility of the presentation of a yearly medal for outstanding contributions to numismatic research was considered. No specific proposal was made.

Kenneth Bressett advanced the idea of publishing a reprint of Crosby's Early Coins of America interleaved with corrections and additions. A number of the members considered this to be impractical due to the extent of the proposed revisions.

The publication of a periodic newsletter was discussed. David Bowers agreed to undertake the composition and printing of the newsletter.

Each member will send a monthly report of his numismatic activities to: Q. David Bowers; Empire Coin Company, Inc.; O'Neil Building, Binghamton, New York. These individual reports will form the basis of the monthly newsletter informing each member of every other member's activities.

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We would like to hear from every member before September ³⁰ 15th. We will then have another newsletter ready by the month's end.

During the past year our members have been busy:

Grover Criswell with the preparation and printing of his new volume on Confederate bonds.

Dick Johnson with the editorship of the Coin World which now reports a paid circulation of 72,000 copies. The Coin World has printed many articles by our members in past months.

Ken Bressett with his duties at Whitman Publishing Company and the writing of monographs, including Hawaiian and Alaskan coins.

George Fuld must spend all of his time with coins judging from his many, many detailed articles on tokens and medals.

Walter Breen has taken some time out from his studies at Berkeley to write several articles for the Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine, Metropolitan Numismatic Journal and others.

